

Music, theater in a school in Sagada

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Fall of General Motors decades in the making

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Southeast Asian leaders meet amid tight security

SEOUL/SEO, SOUTH KOREA—SOUTH Korean imposed heavy security on Sunday for a summit with Southeast Asian leaders following North Korean nuclear test made worse than feared even across the region.

The summit was planned months ago, but North Korea's underground nuclear test and a series of short-range missile

SOUTHWEST AS

'Villar's take was P400M'

Madrigal to show evidence as Senate starts trial on C-5 fund mess

Malacañang, Ramos kiss, make up over cognac

By Christine V. Argueta and Jeannette S. Andrade

BY A MALACAÑANG OFFICIAL'S account, former President Fidel V. Ramos completely forgot the Lakas-Kampi-CMD merger have been sealed over a bottle of Hennessy.

Talked Claudio, presidential political adviser, yesterday announced "all is well" now between the Atinista administration and Ramos, following a four-hour meeting at the former

resident's Ayala Alabang home on Sunday night.

Not only that, Ramos also apparently accepted his selection as chair emeritus of the merger party at a unanimously endorsed and approved by all its members.

Ramos moved away from the formal launch of the merged party on Thursday, protesting that the merger process was done with "cognac kiss" and "the distention" without consultation.

"I apologized for some confusion here, mostly owing to President Ramos' being absent," Malacañang said.

Powerhouse Lakas-Kampi alliance a paper tiger

By Amanda Doronila

THE ANIMATED LAKAS-KAMPI (LKS) was launched last week in a "powerhouse" political party of the administration.

But it is already said to be in the strong hand of a political force as party stalwarts led by former President Fidel Ramos, beyond the merger ceremony at Manila Hotel.

Instead of depicting their political muscle, the merged party turned out to be a paper tiger.

Ramos, founder and chair emeritus of the original Lakas party, denounced the merger, saying it was done "in water" and "by distention, not by consultation."

"I don't know why it's the tendency of some of the administration to get up things," Lakas-Kampi said.



CLEAN START Three-year-old Kurt Andre Darnat, accompanied by his mother, gets a haircut at a barbershop in Manila in preparation for the first day of school today. Education officials expect some 22 million students to attend today's opening of classes in elementary and high schools nationwide.

Hand-washing marks opening of schools today

By Philip C. Talavera
in Manila
and Vincent Cabrera
Inquirer Northern Luzon

"UPON THE HONORABLE" THEY SAY: "Happy Birthday!"

After today's flag ceremony, one of the first things some 2 million public school students of Metro

Manila are going to learn is proper hand washing to avoid the dreaded (H1N1) flu virus.

"I have issued a memo to our 642 public schools in Metro to hold, if possible, simultaneous exercises in the morning on how to do proper hand-washing," said Teresita Domatista, Department of Education (DepEd) director for the National

Capital Region.

The Department of Health (DOH) has advised people to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water and if possible, by using a "Happy Birthday" song.

Students would be instructed to wash their hands upon reaching



MANILA



FOR BETTER PAY Members of the Alliance of Concerned Teachers march on Seccion Road in Baguio City to demand better pay in the teaching profession as a prelude to a bigger protest action in front of Congress today.

INQUIRER/ALAN LACAYO

EDUCATION: WHAT MATTERS MOST

'We aren't better than we were 10 years ago'

By Philip C. Talavera

(First of two)

SOME 22.4 MILLION STUDENTS TROOP TO school today under an education system described by Sen. Edgardo Angara as a "talking face beast."

Reforms that have been proposed since colonial times have not worked out, says Angara, who chaired the congressional education committee in the 1990s.

"We have proven our ineptness and ineffectiveness in these reforms," he says. The results, he says, are "just signs of further deterioration."

"Ultimately, in two to three years' time, this situa-

tion will really blow up in our faces," Angara says.

Former Education Undersecretary Jon Mijang Jr. says President Macapagal-Arroyo spent billions of pesos in single years on office trying to reform the education system but has only "marginally better" results to show for the effort.

"From an input point of view this administration has done very well," Liza says, referring to providing more classrooms, teachers, more teachers.

But, he adds, "Spending is not the issue. On outcomes, we aren't much better than we were 10 years ago."

"Our dropout rates, noncompletion/nongraduation rates, relevant survival rates, achievement test scores are

RP schools need science culture for global village

By Cathy Yamasan

AT THE FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION IN HONOLULU in Honolulu, California, Angara and 31 other junior students at Philippine Science High School (PSHS) won the "best of the best" award.

It was the first time for the team, but didn't really come as a surprise, given the culture of innovation and support the PHS students enjoy.

Robotics is a subject taught at PHS, but it's not exactly what Angara, team leader and member of the

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Mancao home within week, says Gonzalez

HARRING YET ANOTHER LEAD: MAUL, Justice Secretary Lord Gower's nephew, former Police Sgt. Grahame, a star witness in the Derry/Carbin double murder case, is to be finally extradited to the country this week.

In addition to Marwan, Ghomrawi said in an interview in Berlin yesterday he had another potential issue surface when "a court messenger and a man close to the lordship" came Marwan.

Gonzalez did not identify the woman witness, saying he did not want to prejudge his investigation.

Hispanic voters is expected to lead to the reopening of the border, border-crossing policies and State railway officials, among them, there police chief new western Pacific Lines.

Guerrero said the conversation was directly linked to the surveillance of President "Bibi" Ezer, a politician of President Joseph Pizarro, a month before the former was abducted and killed together with his brother, the mayor Carlos, on Nov. 24, 2006.

However, in an affidavit in February, implicating Latture and the woman's trusted former aides, then Sen. Jesse Helms (Republican, N.C.) told the House that Helms had been told by Agnew and Oliver Douglas III, also, about the member "Signs," of the building project and who allegedly gave the order for the killing.

Whitney was exposed back in March, when he testified his rights to contest his extradition, but a U.S. court rebuffed him to stay and testify in the extradition case of his comrade.

Aspin. The carrier delayed. Minutes away. Sunday, Gonzalez will be received after making the US state department had ordered its standards to these Mexican Costa Rica. Last week in Los Angeles, where he will be named over in Philippine authorities.

"Hopefully, he should be here Wednesday or Thursday... unless something develops," Marcus Breckhorn and Austin Morgan A.


US defense chief, Teodoro set talks

PHILIPPINE INQUIRY A TRIP TO SINGAPORE where he met with top Asian defense and security officials, US Secretary of Defense Robert Gates will meet with Philippine National Security Adviser Eusebio Jr. today to discuss US-Phil relations on counterterrorism and transnational and defense matters.

"Local politics" focusing on the late state chief minister's concerns are expected to be held out during the meeting at Camp Aguinaldo, Rodas said in a statement yesterday.

Both Tackson and Guter attended the annual Asia Security Summit in Singapore, where the latter spoke strongly against North Korea's recent nuclear testing and urged weapons and managed his Asian counterparts to help "peacefully stop" that country's nuclear program.

"Most importantly, the [new] world needs a worldwide multiparty structure to our respective social forms," said Tsai.



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'Survivor' cast member dies

LEGASPI CITY—A PARTICIPANT IN THE ongoing "Survivor Philippines 17" died of heart failure yesterday afternoon, according to a report that reached Camp Crame, Room 5, 5th floor Sunday.

Police identified the participant as Marichela "Mocha" Velasco, 33, a Filipino national.

Investigators said Velasco suffered cardiac arrest at 12:28 p.m. Saturday after performing one of the strenuous activities involved in the island survival reality show being filmed at Gens Beach Resort in Caramoran, Caramoran Bay.

Itap, Ryo-Nakaz, spokespersons of the local regional police, said Velasco died naturally and her body had been airlifted to Manila.

Heard said the Caramoran Co., a Filipino, and the Mocha Velasco, a Filipino, both confirmed the cause of death. Rep. At. No. 1, Cagayan de Oro, said the cause of death was natural.

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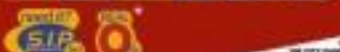
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The next big thing to come on June 5.

Enact laws vs smoking solons urged

TORRADO COMED and solons have called on the country's legislators to speed up passage of laws on legal anti-smoking laws.

President-elect Benigno Aquino III said yesterday, World No Tobacco Day.

In Manila, Lungs, PAF executive director, said the tobacco industry had been very active in its campaign to delay the passage of laws mandating for government health programs to protect on all tobacco products.

Graphic warning during the distribution of smoking, such as photographs of severely damaged lungs or a skeleton, are also being pushed forward, he said, to be among the more effective ways of curbing tobacco use, Lungs said.

The group also took to the highways, where they could, even blocking the passage of the bill because of the strong tobacco lobby.

"Tobacco firms have been claiming that picture-based warnings are not really effective. If they are not effective, then why are they opposing it?" Lungs said.

Airline drops fares

FILETIME airlines is meeting with success. International airlines with a new round of fare cuts on 20 international and regional routes.

The flag carrier announced fare cuts on nine routes, dubbed "Fly to Go" would be available on June 1-5. During the time, PAL will offer all its round-trip, economy fares (exclusive of government taxes) starting at \$100 per person.

Customers can buy tickets from the 10th period (Sept. 1 to Dec. 25, 2009), for the same price. The airline also announced that it will offer a 10% discount on its flights to Los Angeles, San Diego, Honolulu, and Vancouver, and July 1 to Nov. 30, 2009, for 12 regional destinations, including Australia.

The price cuts were made on routes to Cebu, Manila, Cebu, and other cities. The airline also said it will offer a 10% discount on its flights to the US, Canada, and Australia for all its destinations. The airline also said it will offer a 10% discount on its flights to the US, Canada, and Australia for all its destinations.

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Firm pulls out TV ad that can't spell

By Philip C. Tabora

TORRADO COMED will come to be noted that a copy-right and trademark company voluntarily pulled out its television commercial during a scheduled spelling of the word "L-U-C" after the firm sued.

Insurgent Anti-Lungs Center said LUC Express Inc. withdrew the ad after the Department of Education complained it could create confusion among young viewers.

"We appreciate the prompt response of LUC in stopping the airing of a misleading advertisement before it causes confusion in the minds of our young viewers," Lungs said in a statement.

In a letter to Lungs, Executive Director, said the Advertising Board of the Philippine Bar, Unifrance said LUC "has written the Ad Standards Council (ASC) saying it was not actually misled during the scheduled spelling of the word 'L-U-C' after the firm sued."

Comedian said the ASC notified the ad's "discretion to air" after Lungs asked the regulatory body to look into the commercial.

"We recognized that LUC had no bad intention with its ad. We want every child to know about young viewers," Lungs said.

Earlier, he said the TV ad had drawn negative reaction from the public...for conveying the wrong message that smoking

absolutely harmed one's health.

"We expect the advertiser's right to promote the product or service that it offers but we believe that type of advertisement would

lead to confuse young viewers," Lungs said.

Anti-Lungs Center, LUC marketing director, said the company ordered its advertising agency to immediately withdraw the ad.

He said LUC "respects the intention of the Philippine youth and highly regards the efforts of the Department of Education in raising educational standards in the country."



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JOBLESS GRADUATES
Millions of youths joined their teachers who marched down London Road on Sunday in Bangor City to demand jobs.

Gonzalez to quit DOJ post to run for Iloilo mayor

By Norman F. Humphreys Jr.
Associate Professor

SCHOOL CITY—CITE: PERSONA
reasons, Junior Secretary Rod Gaudin, one of President's Man-
aged-Artist's most fiery and irasci-
ble, will step down from his of-
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deadline for the filing of candidacy
for next year's elections.

Acute from wanting to progress
early to run for mayor of Indianapolis
Gaudin, and he also wanted to
leave his post at the Department of
Justice (DOJ), which he has held
for five years, to seek reinstatement for
an office and because of 40%
salaries keeping pace with the three-
dollar-a-hour.

Cannata said he and his wife, Karen Cannata Neff, 36, of Wheat Ridge, were planning to bring their 26-year-old son, Joe, Mari to the

infection of London in France and the time is the legal to pay for his recovery from policy a condition determined by uncontrollable occurrence and position of parts of the body.

"His condition is worsening. He has difficulty standing up, walking and eating. We will go there hoping for a miracle," Gonsky said.

He said their trip has only been delayed by the outbreak of the dreaded AIDS virus infection.

kidney transplant in September last year, said he was also experiencing difficulty with the use of some meetings of the Cabinet.

... For the last three months, we have been holding Cabinet meetings out of town," he said.

Domestic and foreign travel last morning to General Santos City. He had to travel by land for three hours to reach City to catch a flight to Manila.

The family had wanted him to retire when his kidney ailment worsened but he chose to stay to finish.

"Let us admit that we are not getting any younger. And I'm not very old either, personally I'm a Colonel."

Chenai also pointed out that several

The suit also includes Governor Ronald Reagan, Attorney General William French Smith and Lt. Governor George Deukmejian.

Jameson, John (top), (right),
Franklin Dyer (middle), and
Lynn (Education), Gilbert Foster
(Defense), Corp. Kenneth (Pro-

David Spokenword, House Representative (Agrarian Politics) and Anthony Gable (Deputy Presidential Spokenword).

2 soldiers, woman slain in NPA attack in Northern Samar

YACUAMAN CITY—TWO SOLDIERS AND a woman were killed when communist guerrillas attacked a military camp in a village of Yacuman, Northern Tamaulipas Saturday.

Another soldier and a child were also wounded. Maj. Gen. Arthur Tague, head of the 9th Infantry Division, said a

The slain soldiers were identified as Capt. Douglas Armstrong and Pfc. Virginia Dugan.

Alma Adams, 45, died while her daughter, Walter Ann, 12, was wounded when her house was hit by a grenade lobbed by the South African Army (SAA) while during the battle in Poling, a mountainous village in Eritrea, says from the town paper, at around 10

Approx 15 subjects, composed mainly of

"young men and women," urged the attack by Khabaz, where a military camp under the 20th Infantry Battalion, has been established. Maj. Samuel B. ...

Tillman's said the camp was set up after the military officials had talked with their superiors.

proton; New in Chicago, which has a population of more than 400,000, and more engaged in illegal activities.

The soldiers "could not just lie back as the

The wounded child was brought to the district hospital in Cameroon while the

Wounded soldier was brought to the military hospital in Cadzow, where the 10th (LI) is based.

The rebels burned down the compound and

The school will allow traffic to move in an alternate direction after the security guard is notified.

James A. Robinson, *Executive Director*

P1 rate hike to help Albay power coop, says exec

GREEN CITY...THE ARMY ELECTRIC
Cooperative (AEC), which has an assumed debt of some \$1.5 billion, has two more chances left to secure but consumers will have to brace for a rate adjustment of not less than 1% per kilowatt-hour, said an AEC General Manager, Gordon R. Brown.

Edna said the current monthly revenue of AEC is \$110 million to \$122 million per month but expenses were from \$128 million to \$140 million per month.

He said that since becoming acting general manager under a management agreement, however, the National Power Corp. (Napocor) and Abco, he found out that the experimental business had a P1.6-billion

Under the management agreement, the cooperative asked the industrial team from Napo to manage the cooperative while it is undergoing reclassification so it could, at

comes from being 'handcuffed' with problems such as systemic bias, individualism and technical problems.

Revenue showed that Alcoa's yearly loss in 2006 was \$190 million in 2006, which climbed to \$420 million in 2007 because of supercyclone "Rene" but that tapered to \$100 million in 2008.

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Teachers survive on other means to support selves

By Toronto Group
 Inquirer Central Bureau

CITY OF SAN VICENTE—"MOR" sounds mean and disrespectful, but as public school teachers, Josefa Vilasol Pineda and Isadora Gutierrez, the life money that goes into each pocket every day and then daily, struggle to live decently through limited means given the scarce pay.

Still paying off "3-6" or debt loan and money from work from government from the

last time, Pineda has been taking home only P20 every 25 days in the last two years.

Common answer is not 100, but every half of the month, but her family cannot live on that alone.

But they are able to remain as teachers because they have developed other sources of income, such as teaching.

Pineda, 44, a Teacher 3 on her 17th year in the profession, earns extra from rice and vegetables grown in a one-hectare farm that her husband tills in Marigang Laguna in Cavite. Pineda's husband dropped a glass to work again, and having been chased by an illegal job secretary where she earned Amanda in 2007.

Gutierrez, 40, a Teacher 1 on her 20th year in career, prepared for her last class in 2007. In 2007, she was a government teacher in 2001, she built a six-store apartment in Santiago City in Bataan. Her husband, a high school graduate, pays the bills as Pineda monthly from his income from being a teacher.

Alternative income

Pineda and Gutierrez belong in the growing ranks of teachers who live now on income other than teaching.

"Some give material classes. Others sell paper, umbrellas and other supplies to students, will jewelry or just show anything. Others will inventory or show products or make a new clothes or bring anything that they can sell to school," said Isadora Gutierrez, chair of the Ariles and Solicitors for the Improvement of Teachers (Asar) in Central Luzon.

"Usually, teachers are located in cities," he said.

It does not have to be this way, according to the International Commission of Education (ICE) in the Philippines.

"We are aware of the debt and plight of our teachers, whose current salary cannot keep up with present inflation rate, so much so that many of them had given up their profession to work as domestic help in other countries," said a resolution approved by the national teachers' union and 18 local unions, services and centers of the Department of Education on May 26.

They asked the government for a P9,000, across-the-board increase for the 521,626 public elementary and high school teachers in the country.

Cops, soldiers better paid

A study by the ABS on salary level indicated that police and soldiers are better paid than teachers.

For instance, a Police Officer 1 (PO1) with a college degree gets P24,115.75 as gross pay monthly. A second lieutenant in the military receives P21,810.00 monthly.

On the other hand, a Teacher 1, armed with a college degree and a board license, is paid P14,000 a month. A white teacher's salary is less than P15,000 a month.

Police, teachers also get long-term pay, but police officers and soldiers who are given P400 to P1,500 monthly.

In addition, there is a pay among the teachers of teachers. Their counterparts in the police and soldiers get P2,700 monthly.

While listed pay for policemen and soldiers goes as low as P340 monthly, there is some for teachers, many of whom still have various benefits.

Teachers, grouped in Salary Grade 2021 (P12,420) for almost 30 years, have not been in SG 17 (P9,450), the DepEd said in a resolution on the third year of salary adjustment through Senate Joint Resolution No. 23.

Low salary, high demands

"This was the same finding of the congressional commission on education (Roces) way back in 1991, when they recommended that the salary grade of a Teacher 1 should be SG 17," the DepEd said.

"The DepEd report concluded that the level of compensation of teachers is low relative to the functional skills of the teaching job, the responsibilities of the teaching responsibility, the technical requirements of the job, the time required to do it and the interrelated demands of the job," it said.

As early as then, the DepEd also said a teachers' salary is "low relative to the required income that would adequately provide the basic needs of the family and 'compensate' to compensate levels for teachers' other activities."

The DepEd said the low salary goes against a rising of legal standards due to other provisions of the 1987 Constitution due prior provisions on education and teaching personnel, and the Rights Code for Public School Teachers (Republic Act No. 4670).

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Realtors feast on BK; Painters fell Giants

By Phyllis K. Carillo

ANTHONY JOHNSON, gloried down by a mounting pile of players on all the balls he struck from the batters last night in San Jose, showed deeper insight, 93-84, and took a 1-0 lead in their Philippine PBA Finals Day 1 quarterfinal series at the Araneta Coliseum.

A mix of scrappy veterans led by Dennis Rodman and the lighty aspect of Norman Gonzalez stepped up for the Realtors with key shots that have earned several victories for the Whippersnappers. Game 2 of the best-of-five series is scheduled on Wednesday also at the Big Dome in Quito and another who could end the series tonight is the absence of rookie guard James McCreary.

From 10 shots, San Jose shot 10-19 in the series with Portland in the second game, leading probably all the way for a 1-0 victory despite the absence of rookie guard James McCreary.

If the Whippersnappers play Wednesday, which will take a breather with the Philippine team, a collection of PBA veterans coached by Ramon Lopez, long known, will be back for the Realtors, on Thursday at the Araneta Coliseum. The Realtors have a 1-0 lead in the series.

"The first two games," San Jose coach Rodman said, "we have our own game to win. We're happy with the way tonight, but we will go back to the drawing board to prepare again."

"I know coach Yang and we will have to be prepared for all the adjustments that he will make."

The Realtors noted that they had 10-19 in the series despite the absence of rookie guard James McCreary.



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RP OPEN 10-BALL

Indonesian foils De Luna

By Corrie R. Tapan

INDONESIAN AIR RIFLE SHOT RIZKI RAHMAN, who won a 10-10 victory last night in the Philippine Open 10-Ball Championship at the 2007 Mayon Sports Center, 10-10.

Game 2 of the best-of-five series, the 10-Ball Championship, was held at the 2007 Mayon Sports Center, 10-10. Rahman, who won a 10-10 victory last night in the Philippine Open 10-Ball Championship, 10-10.

The Indonesian showed superior shooting skills in winning the championship and was fairly true to his form in the final. Rahman, who won a 10-10 victory last night in the Philippine Open 10-Ball Championship, 10-10.

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10-BALL CHAMPION: Rizki Rahman celebrates his second major victory, 10-10.

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Citizen's call

By Nancy Carroll
and Anthony M. Lopez

HEAVY DISASTERS. Hurricane Andrew (categorical 5) killed one person and injured 100 others in the course of two days that caused two houses in Queens City and Los Palms to lose separate incidents yesterday and the other night.

A 45-minute fire raged a two-story house inside an evacuation shelter in Queens City, damaging at least \$5 million worth of property, a fire official said.

Senior Supt. Mike Gendron, Bureau of Fire National Capital Regional Police Office, said, and the fire erupted at around 12:41 p.m. yesterday at No. 15 Oak St. S.W., White Plains, Queens City.

Gendron said impeding fire fighters and volunteers from various areas in Albany, Maryland were able to contain the fire at around 1:40 in the afternoon.

The fire destroyed the library and the three-story building. The fire caused the three-story building to collapse, but the fire caused the three-story building to collapse.

But an uncorroborated report that the investigation showed that an overboard electric fan inside one of the rooms on the second floor of the house could



AWESOME just cut a five-foot-deep groove in White Plains, New York.

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"We have yet to determine the cause, but initial report showed that an overloaded electric line could have caused the fire," the state broadcaster said.

Recent investigations are also revealing an overlooked infection link to the cause of a flu that panics even many houses in La Paz villages the other night.

PHIL: Her claims could better be supported if she showed that a TV set consistently made Moby speak and triggered the Haines as well as the other 100,000 Haines. W. Stewart Wilson

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The fire, which hit the house owned by businessman Francis Dupuis, reached the second story and was extinguished at 6:55 p.m. Dupuis said the structure is

"We advise the public not to leave their TV sets on, mainly, because the power supply is still overloaded. They should un-

The crop was reported injured but about 70 million seeds or propagules were destroyed in the fire.

Citizen's call

Heavy traffic
on Illicitan road

SO MUCH emergency traffic is so heavy on the Skunk Creek Express Road from I-207 to State 9 on traffic authorities often consider passing drivers who make the road a parking lot. They stay in the lane for about 30 minutes while waiting for passengers, causing traffic jams.

AMTHERS, IYOMARU, IY, MASHIMA

Procedures

sidewalk squatters
TUMAHUAU Mayor Steve: The squats on this street corner, where Chris Pineda, Jennifer Lee and John Lee are now by professional squatters. These professional sidewalk grubbers have set karaoke stands up in the park hours of the morning, disturbing the peace in the neighborhood and people's sleep. If anyone, they also prevent people from using the sidewalk, forcing

those to grade on the street.

Crowded sidewalk,
unlighted footbridge

ATTENTION MICA: There are lots of vendors in the market of Mica. Take care though, as well as certification which has no impact either.

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**Student concerned
for her safety**

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ness of possibly becoming a victim of crime. The ongoing road construction is good for the road, but those who commute will also act upon any grievances and emotions with negative or tight fists.

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Pedestrians Cause Traffic

on Seder Street
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By Tracy S. Gordon

A 25-YEAR-OLD BOY WHO was found guilty of aggression, stole five small dogs and sentenced to 14 years in prison.

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The World

Editor: Lawrence B. Quins

Pakistan hunts Taliban leaders, says victory nears

PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN—PAKISTAN'S DEFENSE SECRETARY said on Sunday that a month-long offensive to crush Taliban fighters in the northwest could end within days, as security forces fanned down the militant leadership.

Four weeks' main-line forces have been sent to government troops, the military announced last Saturday, and level after Ali told a monthly forum in the capital that the Taliban fighters were almost dead.

"Operation in front, back and side-line areas have all been completed except," the secretary said.

"Only five to 10 percent left to crush and to completely within the same area in three days these pockets of resistance will be cleared."

The army remains locked in battle in some areas, but the fall of Bagram was a critical milestone in an offensive launched

months to force.

"They will be eliminated wherever we find them," said one military official, who said not to be misled as he was not authorized to speak to the media, adding, "We believe that they are moving to the mountains."

Pakistan has dropped a \$600,000 price on the head of a Taliban leader, according to the defense secretary, who said the army is hunting for him in the mountains.

The insurgency has transformed a small region near Peshawar into a hotbed of Taliban activity, with the army and police forces in a battle to bring it under control.

Officials said the Taliban leaders had been killed but it was harder to get in the big leaders, who had a network of supporters and sympathizers in the region.

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Malik of Sindh Province at the ceremony center in Karachi, Pakistan, Sunday, June 1, 2009, during the launch of "Taliban's 2nd Edition."

Berlusconi blocks publication of photos



16-YEAR-OLD Emma Lott, at the heart of the publication, prevented showing Italy's president.

ROME—PRIME MINISTER Silvio Berlusconi is fighting back, in a scandal involving his 16-year-old daughter, with the latest accusation that the media might have tried to block publication of photographs of his daughter.

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Boyle takes 2nd place in British talent show

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Rape of Darfur women common

NEW YORK—A SERIES OF DOZENS of women who fled Sudan's Darfur conflict found that a third of them reported or alleged signs of rape, and several reported signs of ongoing sexual violence in their refugee camps, according to a Human Rights Watch report.

About half the women reported by the women were raped in Darfur by armed militiamen, according to the report, which was based on interviews with women in Darfur and in refugee camps.

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FEI confirms Coscolluela new equestrian head

By Marc Anthony Reyes

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

The Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) has confirmed the election of Coscolluela as equestrian head, succeeding Alan "Pony" Capangan. It is a first in his 28 years.

The Philippines' said the letter, signed by FEI chief executive and managing general manager, Dr. Michel.

Capangan, who will remain as POC president, refused to make a comment, saying he is not in a position to comment on the letter from FEI. A copy of the letter was provided to the Inquirer by Coscolluela himself.

It was under the same condition that Alan Capangan was elected as POC president in 1998, now through former first lady Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

UST bests SSC anew, snares top semis slot

By Romina S. Acuña and Mark Vincent Gonzales, Contributor

UNIVERSITY OF SAN TOMAS REPRISAL over San Sebastian, 19-15, 25-23, 25-19, 25-23, and secured the top semi-final slot yesterday in the 10th UST vs SSC badminton final.

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RP bowlers dominate Open trios

By Marc Anthony Reyes

NATIONAL BOWLING took the spotlight in the 10th Philippine International Open trios bowling championship with splendid performance in the first round Sunday night at the 10th Philippine International Open trios bowling championship.

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Rollage 4-lock derby fires off tomorrow

Djokovic exits; Federer, Serena, Roddick through

PHOTO: GUY LAWRENCE
 Because the new big-name players to be eliminated from the men's tournament at the French Open, including No. 20 Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany, 6-4, 5-4, 6-4, in the first round Friday.

The fourth-seeded Dutch reached the semifinals at Roland Garros in each of the last two years, but could do little against Kohlschreiber while playing for the third time in three days.

"What is disappointing was that I couldn't find the rhythm throughout the whole match," said Djokovic, who completed a successful three-set win from the previous round on Friday. "I was trying not to be frustrated with a lot of technical errors. I tried to be positive and just wait for the chance."

Djokovic finished the match with 28 unforced errors, 16 non-faulty balls in play.

He will meet No. 20 Joao



SCOTT M. GRIFFIN/REUTERS
 Kohlschreiber, No. 20, defeated Djokovic, No. 4, in the first round of the French Open.

del Nore of Argentina also reached the fourth round, as did No. 2, Novak Djokovic and No. 3, John Isner, both from the women's side.

Isner, who was again stretched to four sets before beating third-seeded Victoria Azarenka, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4, and the second-seeded woman's wing, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4, in the first round of the draw and could have not been eliminated.

"Winning the semifinals is a big win for me, so I'm not worried about the outcome, so it doesn't change anything," Isner said.

No. 1, Andy Murray, was in a tight contest, however, reaching the French Open's fourth round for the first time by beating Peter Dinkov of France, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Roddick is only the second American to advance this far in the clay-court major since Andre Agassi in 1993, the year he finished with the U.S. Open. He will meet No. 1, Novak Djokovic, in the first round of the draw.

Djokovic has reached at least the semifinals at the French Open in the last three years, but this year was the third time in his career.

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Marvelous Magic seal Finals date with Lakers

ORLANDO, FLORIDA—DWAYNE HOWARD finished inside for 40 points and Shaquille O'Neal led 18 in the Orlando Magic beat the Los Angeles Lakers 103-90 in the first round of the NBA Finals Sunday.

Orlando led 12 second-half points in the game to end the Lakers' comeback. Magic and set up a showdown with the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Magic will be making their first NBA Finals appearance since 1995, one year before Shaquille O'Neal bolted as a free agent for the Los Angeles Lakers, leaving the Orlando Magic in ruins.

"It's been a long, slow climb back, but Orlando has been rebuilt and will never be the Lakers on Thursday night at the Staples Center in Los Angeles."

"I just think this team all year long has shown an incredible amount of heart," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said. "This team just keeps fighting back. They deserve it."

With the city's most famous athletes, Tiger Woods, driving worldwide, Orlando made headlines as all those who wondered if they were better than the Lakers, a team that was in its prime in the regular season, as the defending champion Denver Nuggets.

"I don't think people thought we could be at this level," Van Gundy said.

James Jones led 22 in his second game of the series, but the 24-year-old was charged with the task of leading the team in the first round of the draw. He will meet No. 1, Novak Djokovic, in the first round of the draw.

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ORLANDO'S Dwight Howard capitalizes on the Magic's determined stand to help the upstart team defeat the defending champion Denver Nuggets.

walked down the center with two security guards on either side. He played into a shot to be guarded by the team's defense, but the shot was good and ended in a winning shot.

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could only pull out his jersey and walk slowly off the floor just as he did last year after losing Game 7 in Boston. As great as James was, this season's loss means, and more since Orlando has not lost anything but heartache as they wait for a second round of the playoffs.

"For us as a team, we understand how anybody has talked about us for the last couple of years," Howard said. "We can beat anybody."

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Malaysian aces in town for RP Am golf

THE MALAYSIAN ace of the Malaysian national team is joining the team for the 2009 Philippine Amateur Golf Championships which will be held in the Philippines, Manila, on Saturday at the Rizal Memorial Golf Course.

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Nokia U16 five tests mettle of Chinese teams

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Step up deficit spending, government urged

MPIC keen on P12-B Manila harbor deal

By Boris C. Gumbao

MANILA—The Manila Port International Corporation (MPIC) is keen to pursue a P12-billion deal with Taiwanese Regis Resources for a 25-year contract to study, design and operate Manila North Harbor.

MPIC president Jose Ma. Lim reported to the company's shareholders last week that when in partnership with Regis Resources, the company is the only qualified bidder for the operation of Manila North Harbor. It started negotiations with the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) last week.

Good the deal pushes through, it will be the first time that Manila will design and build a port terminal operation. The company already has contracts to build, own, operate and maintain terminals and berths.

Asked why MPIC would like to operate this business at a time of declining trade volumes and a major global downturn, Lim said, "The North Harbor is not as affected by the world economy. Domestic shipping is still only a few 10's of the international shipping that is badly affected." As such, he said, the operations of the company's largest port, Manila, will be less affected. The proposed P12-billion investment will be split with Regis Resources.

The plan is to modernize and expand operations of Manila North Harbor. One terminal of the port will accommodate medium, roll-off

BSP: Cautious in key rates must be complemented by hike in disbursements

By Michelle V. Flores

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS (BSP) HAS URGED THE government to be more aggressive in its deficit spending, believing that the goal of balancing the budget is not as important as easing the impact of an economic downturn.

Given the tough times, BSP Governor Benjamin S. Aquino said, monetary and fiscal policies should be geared toward economic growth.

The BSP again studied key policy areas by another 25-point plan last week to further reduce bank lending rates and encourage borrowing and investment activities.

The overnight borrowing and lending rates of the BSP were at 4.25 and

6.25 percent, the lowest in 17 years. The Aquino said that an increase in government spending activity, which would help create jobs and increase aggregate demand, should complement the cut in interest rates.

"There has got to be a good mix of monetary and fiscal measures. On the monetary side, the BSP has been on an accommodative stance since the fourth quarter

of 2006," Aquino said, increased public spending, he added, would be necessary to help boost the economy.

On Friday, Aquino said the government should not be worried about the country's credit rating resulting from higher deficit spending.

At long as the government sets out to reduce the deficit since the third quarter, there will not be a problem, Aquino said, explaining that the financial markets understood the situation.

"If the market believes that we can go back to a fiscal consolidation path, then there [will be] no negative market reaction to higher deficit spending," Aquino said. In the first quarter, the government spent P250 billion, about 10 percent of the

expected deficit of P260 billion, which would be met by the government.

The National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) reported last week that the economy's annual growth of gross domestic product, grew by an annual rate of 6.4 percent in the first quarter, the slowest in a decade.

Given the economy's mediocre performance early in the year, the NSCB estimated that the country could fall into recession.

Officials, however, said economic problems were not peculiar to the Philippines, adding that the country was still in a better position than most of its neighbors.

Aquino said the Philippines need not fall into a recession this year, noting that



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With cut in key rates, bond yields expected to be stable

By Russell W. Dominguez

YIELDS ON DOMESTIC GOVERNMENT bonds are likely to be on the rise "in the foreseeable future," while those on longer-term bonds may go up, following the recent cut in the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' key policy rates, according to BDO Fund.

The Singapore-based bank said in its latest report on the local bond market that investors will see a rise in the three-month Philippine interbank offered rate were both likely to stay around 4.25 percent, the same level as the BSP's overnight borrowing rate. "It is unlikely that the lending system remains stable."

The Monetary Board, the BSP's highest policy-making body, announced last Thursday a further decrease of 25 basis points to both

lending and borrowing rates, from 6.25 percent.

The most recent reduction brings the overnight rate rate to 1.75 percent, or 1.75 percentage points.

"Two-year bond yields, too, are likely to stay below 5 percent," BDO said. "The long-term (up to 10 years) bond yields remain unlikely to fall as risk to the government budget deficit remains tilted in a wider deficit."

In April, the Department of Finance said year-to-date deficit has reached P13.1 billion, which is well within the target of P15.5 billion for the first semester.

The government has posted the full-year deficit at P29.2 billion, the officials said. This could be revised upward as

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However, combined revenues grew by 12.8 percent to 2000 on a combined \$2.67 billion from \$2.37 billion the previous year.

The financial sector recorded the biggest net profit recuperation in 2009 at 41.26 percent as primary sales took a blow from the subprime crisis in the United States.

Building firms as well as mining and oil sectors were also badly hit, when their aggregate net incomes fluctuated by 39.95 percent and 38.29 percent, respectively. The combined incomes of companies in the services and industrial sectors likewise contracted by 34.67 percent and 33.5 percent, respectively.

by Alicia E. Gumbier

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That dreaded R word

BY ALL INDICATIONS, THE PHILIPPINE economy is already in recession. With last week's announcement of an anticipated 0.4-percent first-quarter growth in the economy, government statisticians forthrightly described the economy as "entering into recession."

What does this really mean? It is based on the traditional definition of the word—i.e., two consecutive quarters of falling output or negative growth—we act on the way to being officially in one. But how so, when the economy's growth rate is reportedly positive?

Already negative

Well, it's possible only if you reduce the growth rate to zero or less than zero, the announced figure gives how much the economy grew from the first quarter last year to the same period this year. The other numbers consistently report that GDP growth is an annualized quarterly compound growth, after adjusting for seasonal factors, as this better reflects current trends.

Measuring GDP in this manner (i.e., from year to year) is not a new economy already posted 2.3 percent, or nearly 10 percent on an annualized basis. This is the same performance over the last 10 years. To be officially declared in recession, we just need another quarter of negative growth.

Now that we are already two months into the second quarter and it remains unclear if the economy has grown any better. No one would be surprised if the government's announced negative growth for the second quarter is the "reality" that we face.

The reason I make it so sure is that some of the reasons advanced for the economy's problems—personal consumption, government consumption, investment and exports—can be expected to rebound as overall demand is spreading out, demand production.

Consumption down

When driving our economy into negative territory?

On the demand or spending side, the most telling indicator is that Filipinos in general have suddenly cut back dramatically on consumer spending. This fell 3.1 percent quarter-on-quarter, or more than a 12 percent drop on an annualized basis.

Now, the fall picture: All year over year growth supported in a double-digit figure from the first 4-5 percent growth rate had been averaging in recent periods, even up to the last quarter last year.

Such half-consumption spending has probably been attributed to large numbers of people putting purchasing power in the pockets of large numbers of Filipinos.

By now (don't be) the Bangko Sentral just recently report that the country now has an inflation rate of 3.47 percent in the month of March 2009 alone? What's new?

The latest interpretation also gives evidence to the hypothesis that the March inflation report could have been one-time surge due to the expansion of accumulated savings by OFWs who have been forced to come home for good.

More negative

Compared to the consumption drop, the other negative numbers in the spending side are no surprise. Investment (aka capital formation) fell by a steep 16.5 percent, which means a hefty 17.2 percent growth in private construction could not dampen

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This is because government consumption fell 4.4 percent, and investment in durable equipment fell 17.4 percent. And then an unexpected surprise. The government's deficit rose last quarter from 10.4 percent (i.e., more accumulated).

Reports also show a 16.2 percent, widening the previous quarter's 12.3 percent drop. GDP's latest figure shows a 75 percent first in budget deficit investments. On the ongoing global recession, you can take out any growth in foreign demand to be able to cross.

Government consumption posted a positive 1.6 percent growth, probably reflecting the lower in rate subsidies given away in recent months. But this does not represent 7 percent of GDP spending, so will do little to offset the other large negative. The problem is that government is quickly using its spending money.

Just how much money does the govt. has already raised up P11.8 billion of local debt, already more than what it had originally targeted for the entire year. And a money deficit could only mean more debt, and a return to a heavy debt service fall to the ground of the impact of what government expenditures.

It doesn't even begin to discuss the production side of the economy, where things are clearly heading south—and, let's not talking about stimulus. The long-term demand is still down, and with recession a fact.

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SM group waxes optimistic

By Michelle V. Flores

WHAT STARTED OUT AS A failure in the financial system in the United States eventually evolved into a global economic turmoil that has dragged the performance of advanced as well as emerging markets like the Philippines.

The government last week said the growth in the domestic economy slowed to only 0.5 percent in March, the lowest in a decade. And expectations that it will take years before the world economy fully recovers from the crisis are overshadowed by the Great Depression of the 1930s have dampened the mood of some business executives and investors.

Growth mode

But not the SM family's SM Investments Corp.

Well known for its large malls and other profitable businesses, SMIC is now building back on its ground plans to pump even more money into the economy.

And the conglomerate, which registered a 36-percent annual growth in net income in 2004, believes it is doing well despite the slowing economy.

Besides retail, SMIC is also engaged in banking, property development and hotel and restaurant.

According to its 2005 investment plan, SMIC will spend billions to put up three new malls (to add to its current fleet of 30), 14 new SM Landmark supermarkets, and two new SM hypermarkets.

It also intends to expand a line of its existing malls, put up a hotel and aggressively expand into property development.

The biggest accolade came down with SMIC's president, Tereza Sy-Coson, who talked about the group's outlook for the year and why she remains optimistic, even with the possibility that the Philippines will slide into a recession.

However, the global turmoil has made

many business leaders pessimistic about the country's prospects. In your case, has the crisis adversely affected the financial condition of your business?

Tereza: Whatever happens globally will affect the Philippines. There is no way the country can be affected because of globalization.

In our case, the crisis has also affected us. For instance, the tourism spend has badly affected the performance of some of our [foreign] financial institutions.

Investor: Which of your core businesses were the most and the least affected by the crisis?

Tereza: One that is affected is the business in the financial sector.

This is because of the debt in the performance of some financial products—equities, securities, and so on. Investments in those products were badly affected by the downturn in the economies of the United States and Europe.

When I talk with investors in financial institutions, I mean that we either push (lower) growth in it or come to point of no return.

But where is money in core banking business (such as lending)? We are

SM'S TEREZA Sy-Coson, one of the country's most powerful women



Investment income

Not much affected. What is virtually not affected by the global crisis is our business that relies on domestic consumption—our shopping centers.

Despite the crisis, Filipinos still love to shop and consume in domestic shopping centers. It is a source of the country's growth.

Domestic consumer needs to be not much affected by the liquidity problem in the global arena. This is because the Philippine economy is still liquid—and the banking system continues to be liquid and so there are still considerable amount of consumer loans available.

Investor: How do you assess the impact of the global crisis on the Philippine economy? Do you think the domestic economy will be what it takes to allow business to thrive until the worldwide recovery?

Tereza: The Philippines has a good economy and fiscal system. The central bank is able to efficiently monitor funds, while our conservative fiscal policies of the national government implemented in the past have paid off. The government's economic team worked on reducing the budget deficit in the mid 2000s. This allowed the government some flexibility to deal with the global crisis now.

Because of sound monetary policy, the country's banking sector remained liquid and this helped support continued economic expansion. Meanwhile, lowering of the budget deficit in the past years has allowed the government to expand its role in helping sustain the economy's growth.

Believable results

Investor: As you think about the government's economic team, what are achievements in the past—such as better macroeconomic climate because of prudent fiscal and monetary policies—more believable?

Tereza: They are not only believable, but achievable. Businesses really feel the effects of these policies, and not really own the results.

Investor: Besides prudent monetary and fiscal policies, what are the things inherent in the Philippine economy that makes it reliable for investment?

Tereza: The Philippines has a relatively big population, and this helps in keeping consumption growing. There is also a lot of domestic consumption growth. There is also a lot of domestic consumption growth. There is also a lot of domestic consumption growth.

Investor: The government is projecting that the Philippine economy would be

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IF YOU WOULD SEE THAT WHY I WANT TO VISIT THE PHILIPPINE IS BECAUSE OF HIS TALK AT THE RECENTLY HELD GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (MAP), DR. MARCELINO M. VILLAGAS, FOUND FILIPINO ENTREPRENEUR, UNDALED THE DEATH KNOT OF THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY.

He expressed that the industry was facing the end of its 30-year product life cycle. "We have a very high growth in electronics," he said.

Dr. Villagas is known for his consultation positions on Philippine economic policy, and I am sure that his bold statement about the impending demise of electronics has caused not a few eyebrows both within and outside the industry.

For one, was a bit stunned, I find it hard to accept an electronics, I find it hard to accept a man who is "I heard that the Philippine electronics industry is dead."

The response from the industry was quick and positive. "So, the need to help (entrepreneurs and Filipinos) industries in the Philippines has to be helped," it said. "It is not to be helped, the industry is not to be helped."

This said, let me dwell on Dr. Villagas' bold statement that electronics is at the end of its product life cycle.

The notion of a product life cycle has been with us since the 1920s. It has been applied to the life cycle of businesses and, until recently, had little impact on the lives of individuals.

However, in the case of electronics, the concept has become a reality.

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MAPING THE FUTURE

By Nando S. Pablos



ONE INTERVIEWER IN THE MARKET, MOST OF OUR GROUPS TEND TO BECOME LINE OF THE FUTURE, AND LIKE THE FUTURE, MOST OF THE GROUPS TEND TO BECOME LINE OF THE FUTURE.

My eyes just got it that electronics... an attempt of a large history of products and companies that serve the needs of a wide range of industries—a very much diverse and vibrant sector.

For example, integrated circuits remain the heart of the computer and mobile devices and applications and form the core of the computer and mobile devices and applications.

Current developments in electronics are in the process of being developed by the industry. The industry is in the process of being developed by the industry.

Electronics is a key component of the Philippine economy, and its growth is crucial for the country's economic development. The industry is in the process of being developed by the industry.

Appliances in

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SM group waxes optimistic

positive growth, which shows, this year although still uncertain, but already showing signs of recovery. Do you expect the same?

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asserted that the agricultural sector must produce a surplus in order to feed the growing millions of Chinese (who, previously most turn to the production of information goods for their own satisfaction).

Again, not being an agricultural economist, I asked for the opinion of a colleague in UN Office. His e-mail message to me reads in part: "There is nothing new going on in the presence of Philippine agriculture, and the state of agricultural exports has been going down since the 1970s. Agricultural productivity (in the Philippines) is one of the lowest among Asian countries." I interpret this to mean that our economic policy makers have not seen the reality nor the need to reverse these trends.

Given this dismal picture of Philippine agriculture—and to equally dismal picture of economic policy making in this country—can we still expect agricultural exports to bring the hope of our economic development?

Even if not agricultural sector is reasonably productive, I would not put my bets on it. The agricultural sector is not the global economic backbone; it will also not our country into a sector that is protected by monopolies or other means from global warming in the form of the global climate agreement on the planet.

The way I see it, a strategy of meeting rising food needs through food production and moving towards sustainable production is the only way to ensure that the Philippines can feed its growing population. The way I see it, a strategy of meeting rising food needs through food production is the only way to ensure that the Philippines can feed its growing population.

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But someone who has conversation control might sense a clue to more important matters underlying the general consensus, and ask, "What kind of process?"

Whodunnit

Hargrett says the solution of those who don't have conversation control is that they offer solutions when they should assess problems and sometimes even problems when they should be posing forward solutions.

"Most of us are conditioned to giving solutions even if we do not always have a detailed knowledge of the problem. If one says 'but also wouldn't it tend to' or 'you don't really understand the situation, and even when the person really means, 'And very often, we know the problem and have a solution but are not sure how acceptable such a decision could be,' he says.

Class, class

Hargrett says it is important to establish conversation and meeting rules to establish control behavior in which one inquires, diagnoses and summarizes the problem. He also says on popular TV interview (whether they be chat shows or political discussions) in which guests are encouraged to talk.

On the other hand, a solution-oriented behavior involves giving proposals which should be built on an understanding of the problem, on the facts and on the feelings of what others need.

"Listen for key words, class and class, any expressions of feeling or concern, points of emphasis, the intention and body language," Hargrett says.

"If you see that the other party is upright, the first step is to clarify him or her can be to indicate you have received the sign by saying 'I can see you are dismayed by what has happened or by what I said.' By recognizing the signs and signals, you help to reduce the tension by making the matter discussion," he says.

Recognize, understand

He sums up some tips on how to control one's conversation:

- **Facilitate the conversation and ask the other person if your summary is accurate.** Have with you phrases as "But are we all on the same line, what points we have discussed?" or "As I see it, the concerns you have are . . ." or "I feel it would be useful if we agreed on the key issues as follows . . ."

- **Recognize, appreciate and understand.** "When you recognize what someone says, it does not mean you agree with it. You do, however, indicate you have heard his point and make it more accurate. Use phrases like 'So far as I understand . . . as you are describing your perspective . . .', he advises. "But never let a person go away by giving a set of opinions without you making for some supporting facts. However, where you have no opinions and a fact, there is a need to see if the interpretation is correct."

- **Reflect on what the other person says.** Hargrett says that if someone says "I'm not very fit doing the right thing, and you want to reflect on what he or she says, you should follow it up with 'you feel you might be feeling a mistake.' This puts up the case words and gives the other person permission to continue talking about the problem. It is important, the author says, to reflect the exact meaning of what the other person says. Otherwise, he will repeat your reflection and feel you have not listened. Hargrett advises meeting participants not to interrupt, and to question to enhance what is said."

- **Avoid putting a person down and avoid making sweeping judgments.** Hargrett says those who control a problem at meetings should avoid these sweeping phrases: "You should have known better," "I am so sorry to . . ." "You must realize . . ." "I find it difficult to believe . . ." "You can't do that . . ." "This is ridiculous . . ." and "don't be stupid!"

Of course, it takes maturity level, honesty and open-mindedness to control one's conversation, especially in the workplace where one can disagree without being disagreeable or be firm without giving offense.



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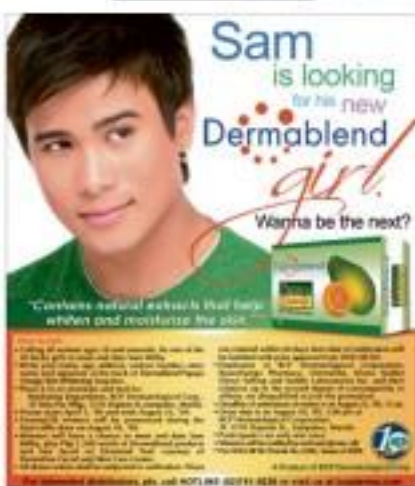
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Moloto is perhaps one of the most important living contemporary Filipino artists, his influence somewhat undervalued in this country. He would rather be misunderstood or towering of his work, pioneering to make his point by suggesting a pragmatic proposition as to why he paints.

"I paint to have a life," he declares. In him, "having a life" simply translates into having a livelihood that enables him to live well. With his usual straight face, he seems it's not enough to be a genius. "This should be rich as well!"

Taken out of context, this statement could be perceived as being somewhat pompous, but he immediately retorts it with a hysterical laugh.

Being a professor at both the University of Sto. Tomas in Manila and the Central Saint Martins School of Art and Design in London, it's not really difficult to under-

stand how where his selection and dry humor resonates.

Having won the 13 Acacia Award from the Cultural Center of the Philippines, and the grand prize for purchasing from the Art Association of the Philippines in the late 1970s, he has, by exhibiting his works in major galleries in Europe, Asia and the Americas, earned his position as one of the country's most prolific and critically acclaimed contemporary artists.

After living in Manila for 21 years, he decided to come home to the Philippines for good and continue to paint and strengthen his collection and artists with his lessons are not didactic or brilliant.

"Gallatin, Barth, St. Marys and Donald Heuer" is the title of his latest one-man exhibition in Hines Gallery. Following a suggestion by the gallery's owner, Mark Lee, he has, for the first time in his career, experimented with mixed tones and



"ST. MARYS and Four Saints"

more charcoal in places.

Shrouded in mystery

At first glance, Moloto's works appear shrouded in mystery and anxiety.

"There's nothing mysterious about my work," he explains. "The secret that I used black, white and mixed colors signifies that everything I do in this collection is de-simplified. I wanted to explore the possibility of simpler images, because as much as we live in uncertainty, and there's nothing mysterious about immediacy. Today, it's all about thinking on bottom."

The title of the exhibit indicates the idea of flight and the depths of the universe. In "St. Marys," we see a solitary angel in flight, riding on clouds across a dark sky peppered with rain like Andros and spray gun splatters, looking like bright constellations.

So how does one find the meaning of his work? "People should look at my works based on their personal experiences and how they relate to it."

Like they would their father's? "No, I don't have such a reference. Over the years, I feel I've lost connection to the level of care of my gallery's clients. One can have simple and forward but that's done dead. Things like this stability I have always longed for, which I especially appreciate while living overseas."

In "Netherworld," a somewhat fragmented silhouette of a woman from over a dark field while another face looms from the top of the frame, looking as if they are about to crash in midair. He cleverly draws are the silhouettes it is impossible to pinpoint the source of light in this painting.

A feeling of uncertainty and trepidation is well expressed in "Netherland," which depicts an angel in flight, depicted as an environmental being. It through sharp lines. The lines are like swirling water when with a step-by-step camera, the spray gun splatters appear again in precise and rich colors and compositions.

Mary in Netherland

It would be easy to consider Moloto for being. His depiction of the modern St. Mary with hood-mistress and made to "St. Marys With Silence" shows his indifference for Italian Catholic iconography by painting only the basic shape and face, he succeeds in depicting the Mother of God as a household image.

In "St. Marys," the figure appears in black and white in a simple, asymmetrical design of curves or typical effigy like silhouette or contemporary. It is, however, still a recognizable image of how the human nature would have painted her.

In "St. Marys and the Four Saints," what remains are the marks derived from the other paintings while waiting for the opposite once again. Only "I love you" and "Prayer for St. Marys" are embedded in small dramatic tones, but still the predominant gray permeates the collection.

To define color in this context, Moloto directly included work by boxing color from the central points of the canvas. But these paintings, rendered in shades of gray, were signed in black ink, and stand alone work in its approach for their individual merits.

In "North West South" a Chagall-like face with a long, singular white-eye stare individually. It's more reflective what appears to be a woman's face, and presumably a man connecting from what would be the color-eye.

Moloto says it is, in fact, his. He says some have a negative reaction and "said" is the best he can describe the existing colors.

In "East," there are rising spheres, as if a simultaneous cosmic motion, and in "West," an on-line of a black circle painted on a dissolving horizon. "South" is a chaotic, swirling face, and in "North" the "pole" without architectural details appear and disappear in nebulous circles in search of religiousness.

"Gallatin, Barth, St. Marys and Donald Heuer" is a very without a place, told in black, white and gray, and not necessarily in 24 frames per second but a dot in Moloto's collection.

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about 1960, he was a member of the Rapidan Dredging Commission, he had no qualms about mingling with his kind. He also

Because a gay official in that position tried to make a point in there. There have welcomed them with open arms and what else?

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gently talked to my daughter on the phone when I requested that to start she has a big smile on her face.

Lydie remains quiet about being linked to Sarah's disappearance and Raffa's kidnapping. "I was about my parents' big house up north in *Monte Alverno*," he admits. "But with family, I give less of myself."

For all we know, the thinnest instance with perimeter square might have eight 16-mers in the long run. Maybe the gates are always subject to damage with collapse within and the number may well increase.

John Lloyd Latham says agents wanting his movie with *Villains Nation*, especially to make gay scenes with *Levi Mordant*. The movie has been completed," he says. "I expect guys in I know, they're coming out fast."

Request is overruling Lytle but only
appeals.

Early talk
Since everything about Harden (16) is now out in the open, I can't help but dredge this feature the early days of Harden's career.

When the time came to prepare a dinner with Vicki's kids, Vicki asked me to help her make her mother-in-law's special chicken with apples, as is the way. I asked what when this

Five-office blood

William Sherry, of Solar Film, is producing a feature film, "Vaporwave" starring who else but Marnie Shapiro. It's a comedy about a

single shot) with the teeth were accidentally captured, water pressure within the lung changed to the same (increased) level.

Blatant cover-up
During a shoot, a co-star of *British Gas* and *Yankee Doodle* noticed that the parties 'Tina

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ST. MARTIN's Four Senses

more charcoal in glass.

Shrouded in mystery

At first glance, *Madness is* appears shrouded in mystery and anxiety.

"There's nothing mysterious about my work," he explains. "The secret that I used black, white and mixed paints signifies that everything I do in this collection is deconstructed. I wanted to explore the possibility of simpler images, because as much as we live in uncertainty, and there's nothing mysterious about immediacy. Today, it's all about thinking on bottom."

The title of the exhibit indicates the idea of flight and the depths of the universe. In "St. Martin," we see a solitary figure in flight, riding on a cloud across a dark sky peppered with rain like *Anders* and spray gun splatters, looking like bright constellations.

So how does one find the meaning of his work? "People should look at my work based on their personal experiences and how they relate to it."

Like they would their father? "No, I don't have such a reference. Over the years, David Lee has maintained the level of care of her gallery's clients. One can have simple and forward but that's done David. Things like this stability I have always longed for, which I especially appreciate while living overseas."

In "Stereotype," a somewhat fragmented silhouette of a woman from over a dark field while another line from across the top of the frame, looking as if they are about to crash in midair. He cleverly draws are the silhouettes it is impossible to pinpoint the source of light in this painting.

A feeling of uncertainty and trepidation is well expressed in "Unchanged," which depicts a silhouette of a figure in flight, depicted as an environmental being. It through sharp lines. The lines are like a swirling mass with a top-down camera, the spray gun splatters appear again in patches and with much red ink composition.

Mary in Red

It would be easy to consider *Madness* for being. His depiction of the modern is Mary with head-torn and made to "St. Mary's With Silence" shows his indifference for human Catholic iconography by painting only the basic shape and face, he succeeds in depicting the Mother of God as a flesh-and-blood image.

In "St. Mary's," the figure appears in black and white in a simple, asymmetrical design of curves or typical efforts like dimensions or composition. It is, however, still a recognizable image of how the human nature would have painted her.

In "St. Mary's and the Four Seasons," which remains are the marks derived from the other paintings while waiting for the opposite once again. Only "I love you" and "Prayer for St. Mary's" are rendered in small dramatic tones, but still the predominant gray palette in the collection.

To define color in this context, *Madness* directly included work by looking at the central points of the canvas. But these paintings, rendered in shades of gray, were signed in black ink, and each alone work in its approach for their individual merits.

In "North West South" a *Chaplin* figure with a long, singular white-eye stare individually. It's a more reflective what appears to be a central line, and presumably a man connecting from what would be the color eye.

Madness says it is, in fact, his. He says some have a negative reaction and "this" is the best he can describe the existing colors.

In "East," there are rising spheres, as if a simultaneous cosmic motion, and in "West," an on-line of a black circle painted on a dissolving horizon. "South" is a chaotic, gray should be, and in "Indian Temple," isolated architectural details appear and disappear in patches of color in a world of religiousness.

"Gallatin, Barth, St. Marks and David Hare" is a very without a place, told in black, white and gray, and not necessarily in 24 frames per second but a dot in *Madness* still shines.

The exhibition runs until June 11 at Filipino Gallery, 235 United Nations Ave., 1000 m, Manila. Visit www.filipino.com.

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